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FOR SHINN FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE STATE 227282, PARA 8: BENIGSEN FROM PRINGLE:
MRS. DELIKIAN WILL HAVE INTERVIEW ON SEPTEMBER 15,
AND RECEIVE VISA SAME DAY. WILL DO REPRESENTATION
FOR LEOVICH ON SEPTEMBER 11.

2. RE TEMPORARY WOLFE REPLACEMENT, KEN SKOUG HAS
SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT A FIRST-TOUR JUNIOR OFFICER
BEING ABLE TO HANDLE THE USCO POSITION, AND DOES NOT
WANT TO MOVE WEISZ FROM ECON TO USCO AND BACK AGAIN
IN 8-9 MONTHS. (THIS WOULD GIVE CONTINUITY PROBLEMS
IN BOTH JOBS.) BEST SOLUTION, FROM OUR VIEWPOINT, IS
TO BRING PFOTENHAUER OUT IN NOVEMBER (EARLIEST HOUSING
IS AVAILABLE) AND PUT HIM INTO THE USCO POSITION
(NO. 20-147) UNTIL SUMMER 1980. THIS WOULD MEAN,
HOWEVER, MONTGOMERY OR POLANSKY WOULD HAVE TO WAIT
ONE YEAR FOR A USCO POSITION, PROBABLY SPENDING THAT
YEAR IN THE CONSULAR SECTION. HAS EITHER HAD THE
CONSULAR COURSE? WOLFE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL
SUMMER 1979, AS WE WOULD NOT HAVE A POSITION, OFFICE
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SPACE, OR HOUSING FOR HIM UNTIL THEN.

3. WE ARE HOLDING UP REPORTING DETAILS OF MEETING
SATURDAY BETWEEN OUR VISITOR FROM THE HILL AND LOCAL
DISSIDENTS, ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE WANTED TO RELEASE
THE INFORMATION THERE AND IT IS THEREFORE BETTER
NOT TO HAVE CABLES FLOATING AROUND ABOUT IT.

4. MUCH APPRECIATE THE MANY USEFUL INSIGHTS YOU HAVE
BEEN PROVIDING THIS CHANNEL, AND HOPE YOU CAN KEEP IT UP.
DON'T HESITATE TO USE REFERENCES TO PREVIOUS CABLES OR
OTHER SUCH DEVICES TO AVOID USING KEY WORDS
THAT MIGHT ATTRACT ATTENTION THERE.

5. WE ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF DIGGING OUT AFTER
LAST WEEK'S PRESSURES AND HOPE TO CATCH UP SOON ON THE
MANY OUTSTANDING ANSWERS WE OWE YOU.
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